



# MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

Strengthening the Creative Economy of Montana

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## Meeting Agenda: DRAFT

Friday-Saturday, December 4-5, 2015: MAC Dinner and Meeting

### Hotel

Holiday Inn Downtown  
22 N. Last Chance Gulch  
406-443-2200

(Drive up Park Avenue and you'll see the hotel and the parking lot across from the Mediterranean Grill and the Park Avenue Bakery)

### Council Meeting Dinner, Friday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

Benny's  
108 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
406-443-0105

### Business Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.

St. Charles Hall Art Gallery  
(with parking behind, off Learning Street)  
Carroll College  
(Please see map enclosed; Go down Benton Avenue to get to Carroll College)

### Friday, December 4

6:00 p.m. Drinks and dinner at Benny's Restaurant

***Please come prepared to share your art or to talk about the best life experience you've had since we last met.***

### Saturday, December 5

Meeting Location: Carroll College St. Charles Hall Art Gallery

***Please eat breakfast at the Holiday Inn or at home if you live in Helena. Only coffee/tea will be served at the meeting in the morning. Staff will eat before coming to the meeting.***

## **MEETING OPENING**

9:00 a.m. Chairman's Welcome

AGENDA/

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Introductions: Each council member and staff introduces themselves with the most fun arts experience they can remember as a child

Conflicts of Interest: Strategic Investment Grants and Artist's Innovation Awards

Action needed: cite who has conflicts of interest regarding any business to come before the council at this meeting.

SIG                      Consent Agenda:  
                             Approval of Minutes and Agenda  
                             Ratification of Strategic Investment Grants

Announcements: Major news from members since we last met  
WESTAF and NASAA Update (Cyndy Andrus)  
Public Comment

9:35 a.m.              China trip update (Corky Clairmont, Karen Bohlinger, Lynne Montagne)

9:55 a.m.              One-Minute Stories  
Your option: An advocacy success story or an “impact” story

Each council member will either:

- Share one success story in their political advocacy work since we last met, or
- Tell a one-minute story on a single impact the arts council has had that addressed a need of a community or an individual, and how the arts council met that need and what happened.

<b>Council Business</b>
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10:15 a.m.              FY 16 Budget Update (Cyndy Andrus, Carleen Layne and Arni Fishbaugh)  
BUDGET/  
POLICY                      MAC received \$12,000 in Personal Services Contingency funding from the state budget office and had federal carryforward from FY15 into the current fiscal year. The Executive Committee has made a decision about how to spend this money, outlined in the council meeting book materials.

Action needed: Approve use of funds

Policy Manual Cleanup

Action needed:

- Retire Luther Richman Award?
- Update airline reservation policy?
- Change time period of Executive Director evaluation ?
- Eliminate Financial Planning Committee duties?

10:35 a.m.              Artist Innovation Awards  
AIA/MCAM                      Visual Arts Chairman: Tracy Linder  
   Performing Arts Chairman: Jay Pyette  
   Literature Chairman: Jean Steele

Action needed: Act on panel recommendations to select visual arts, performing arts and literature awardees, and a Sigerson Awardee in ceramics (the latter award is funded through private funding).

Discussion: What can we do to better market AIA?

10:55 a.m. MCAM	Montana Circle of American Masters nomination (Sheri Jarvis) <u>Action needed: Act on recommendation to appoint Bev. Polk for this honor</u>
11:05 a.m.	Coffee break
11:15 a.m.	Executive Director search process (Cyndy Andrus and Jim Kerins)
1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Council Member Discussion (Cyndy Andrus, Cinda Holt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the National Endowment for the Arts funding went away or was sizably reduced, what would we do?</li> <li>• Is grant funding still the best way to support our field?</li> <li>• Should we be eyeing earned income to offset budget challenges in the future?</li> </ul>
2:45 p.m. ARTS ED	Arts Standards K-12 Update (Arni Fishbaugh)
2:50 p.m.	New Business
2:55 p.m.	Next meeting
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Note: Other than the meeting starting time, times listed are approximate and agenda items may be rearranged. Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda. Public comment is welcome on all items.

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